

FISCAL NOTE

HB 1050 - SB 1292

April 2, 2007

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires LEAs to provide vertis training to all persons applying for positions requiring proximity to children; requires persons applying for a teaching position to submit to a comprehensive psychological examination to be administered by a licensed psychologist; requires the State Board of Education or the Commissioner of Education to grant a teaching license only to those who have undergone a criminal history background check conducted by the TBI and a licensed private investigation company; and requires applicants to have access to an initial background check and be able to submit such to other LEAs where they apply for employment.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures – Not Significant

Increase Local Govt. Expenditures – Not Significant

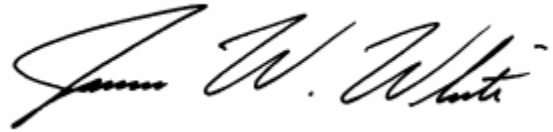
Assumptions:

- Any cost to the Department of Education or the State Board of Education is estimated to be not significant.
- Any reasonable costs incurred by the TBI to conduct the background check and investigation and the cost of the psychological examination is to be paid by the applicant. Local boards may choose to pay these costs at their discretion. (The cost of a background check could be in the range of \$32 - \$59. The cost of a psychological examination could be in the range of \$100 - \$500.)
- Any cost to LEAs associated with providing vertis training (information on appropriate touch, privacy issues, and other relevant regulations) to new hires is estimated to be not significant and can be handled within existing budgets.
- The provisions of the bill may conflict with federal law regarding privacy of background checks conducted by the FBI. Certain qualified entities (Board of Education) are already authorized to request a TBI/FBI fingerprint-based background check (TAPS) on their perspective applicant/volunteers.

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CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and a distinct "W".

James W. White, Executive Director